

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated October 12, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103(a)

In view of the Examiner's rejection based on Yakura, claim 1 has been amended to specify a rotor element comprising a platen face and a capping face. Basis for this amendment can be found at page 5, lines 21-22 and page 7, lines 17-20 of the specification.

Yakura teaches a printer cartridge comprising a roller, which performs a printhead cleaning operation, as described in Figures 6A-C and at column 16, line 65 *et seq* of the Yakura.

However, Yakura fails to teach a rotor element comprising a platen face and a capping face, as specified in claim 1. In particular, the idea of incorporating a platen face into a rotor element used for printhead maintenance was not taught by Yakura. As explained at page 7, lines 18-19 of the present description, the platen face acts as a support for print media during printing and assists in bringing the print media close to the printhead. This function is typically performed by a fixed platen structure adjacent the printhead in traditional inkjet printers.

Given the clear differences between the present invention and the cited documents, and the lack of any teaching in the prior art relating to the claimed rotor element, it is submitted that the present invention is not obvious.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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